

Works Programme 1984-85 for extension of platforms at Surat, Vadodara, Ahmedabad stations at a cost of Rs. 39.52 lakhs.

High prices of equipment produced by BHEL.

2641. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the prices of equipments produced by Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd. are very high out of all proposition to their costs in the absence of competitors;

(b) whether most of the State Electricity Boards have complained about their unreasonable High prices; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to make the prices realistic ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI PATTABHI RAMA RAO) : (a) and (b) No Sir.

(c) The question does not arise in view of answer to parts (a) and (b).

Representation from forward seamen's union of India relating to Calcutta Based Seamen

2642. SHRI NIRMAL SINHA : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Govt. have received a representation dated 5 July 1984 from Forward Seamen's Union of India (CITU) Calcutta relating to Calcutta based seamen;

(b) if so, what are their complaints; and

(c) what steps Govt. have taken or propose to take to redress the grievance ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) :

(a) Yes.

(b) The complaints are as follows :—

(i) In the selection of crew for m.v. 'Indian Glory', Director, Seamen's Employment Office, Calcutta is trying to divert the recruitment of seamen from Calcutta to Bombay.

(ii) Equal job opportunities are not being given to Calcutta registered seamen in comparison to Bombay registered seamen.

(iii) Non-implementation of Nanda Committee's recommendations.

(c) (i) The FSUI has since informed Director General of Shipping vide their letter dated 20-7-84 that crew selection for m.v. 'Indian Glory' has not been disturbed.

(ii) FSUI want the 70:30 ratio of recruitment between Bombay and Calcutta to be extended to all the vessels. This is already being done in the case of SCI. Director General of Shipping is looking into the question of persuading other Shipping Companies to follow suit.

(iii) Most of the recommendations made by the Nanda Committee have been accepted by Government and are in various stages of implementation.

Collection of Freight Charges from Consignees of Wagons booked on 'Weight only System'

2643. SHRI SATYASADHAN CHAKRABORTY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :